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Dear Stakeholder:

The Yolo County Department of Planning and Public Works would like to request your participation in establishing a working partnership with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the State of California, and other key stakeholders in demonstrating the superior environmental benefits of our proposed full-scale bioreactor landfill that we will be constructing near Davis, CA. This partnership is being established under an EPA initiative referred to as Project XL.

Project XL was created to test innovative ways of achieving better environmental results through regulatory flexibility. We believe our project will demonstrate a number of superior environmental benefits including:

- More rapid acceleration of waste decomposition,
- Expedited recovery of landfill methane for renewable energy, and
- Providing valuable data that can help evaluate this approach and potentially establish it as an alternative to the standard approaches for landfill operations.

One of the key goals of the Project XL process is to encourage active stakeholder involvement in the development of the project and the project agreement. Our Department is committed to stakeholder involvement and I would like to invite you to participate in the stakeholder meetings that will assist us in developing this Project XL agreement. A project proposal describing our project in more detail can be found at www.epa.gov/projectxl/yolo. Please call Ramin Yazdani at (530) 666-8848 if you would like a printed copy mailed to you before the meeting.

Your opinions and input are extremely valuable to us. We expect to accomplish this task over the next couple of months with our first stakeholder meeting scheduled for Monday June 5, 2000 (2-5 PM) at the Yolo County Esparto Library located in Esparto, 17065 Yolo Avenue (see attached map for directions). We have enclosed an agenda for this meeting and hope a representative from your

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organization will be able to attend.

Please do not hesitate to call Ramin Yazdani, Assistant Director at (530) 666-8848 should you have any questions or require additional information. We look forward to working with you during this process.

Sincerely,

John Bencomo

Yolo County Project XL Stakeholder Meeting June 5, 2000 2:00 - 5:00 PM

I. Introduction (20 Minutes)

- Introduction of Meeting Participants
- Review Agenda
- Review Ground Rules
- Identify Interests

II. Project Proposal (45 Minutes)

- History of the Project
- Presentation of XL Project Proposal
- Issues Identified to Date
- Clarifying Questions

III. Stakeholder Process (20 Minutes)

- Presentation of the Process
- Clarifying Questions

IV. Project Issues/Concerns (45 Minutes)

- Identify Issues/Concerns
- Brainstorm Options to Address Issues/Concerns
- Identify Options of Mutual Consensus

V. Wrap Up/Next Steps (15 Minutes)

- Review Consensus and Action Items
- Evaluate Overall Meeting